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### VIA FACSIMILE

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Re:

U.S. Patent Application of Dennis A. Borugian

For System for Preventing Unauthorized Trailer Uncoupling

Serial No.: 10/091,888 Filed: March 6, 2002

Dear Mr. Broadhead:

Attached is an amendment for discussion during a telephone interview for application Serial No. 10/091,888. An Office Action was mailed in this application on April 2, 2004 and a Response to this Office Action is due tomorrow with a two month extension of time. Please let me know if you will be available to conduct a telephone interview regarding this application and this proposed amendment tomorrow.

Best regards,

Kenneth J. Smith

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### AMENDMENT FOR DISCUSSION DO NOT ENTER

# Proposed Claim Amendments for Discussion During Telephone Interview:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A method of monitoring a vehicle trailer uncoupling, comprising:
  - a) defining a planned trailer uncoupling area;
- b) automatically determining that the trailer has been uncoupled outside said planned uncoupling area; and
  - c) determining a location of the trailer with a global positioning system.
- 2. (Currently Amended) A method of monitoring a vehicle trailer uncoupling, comprising:
  - a) defining a planned trailer uncoupling area;
- b) <u>automatically</u> determining that the trailer has been uncoupled outside said planned uncoupling area; and
  - c) determining a location of the trailer with a global positioning system; and,

- d) taking a picture of a vehicle driver when it is determined that the trailer has been uncoupled outside the planned uncoupling area.
- 9. (Currently Amended) A method of monitoring a vehicle trailer uncoupling, comprising:
  - a) defining a planned trailer uncoupling area;
- b) <u>automatically</u> determining that the trailer has been uncoupled outside said planned uncoupling area; and
  - c) automatically securing the trailer.
  - 12. (Amended) A method of monitoring a vehicle trailer uncoupling, comprising:
  - a) defining a planned trailer uncoupling area;
- b) <u>automatically</u> determining that the trailer has been uncoupled outside said planned uncoupling area; and
  - c) automatically securing said trailer by deflating a tire of said trailer.

#### REMARKS

The currently rejected independent claims are presented above with amendments for discussion during a telephone interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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